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SUBJECT: REFUGEES EX-USSR: RECOMMENDED EXTENSION OF PAROLE
AUTHORITY

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1. THE PAROLE AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 212 (D)(5) OF THE
INA REPORTED IN REFTel HAS INDEED PROVED HELPFUL IN
ALLEVIATING TO AN APPRECIABLE DEGREE THE BACKLOG OF EX-
USSR REFUGEES AWAITING PROCESSING IN ITALY, AT CONSIDERABLE
CARE AND MAINTENANCE COST TO THE U.S. REFUGEE PROGRAM
(USRP). HOWEVER, THE CUT-OFF DATE OF JAN. 1, 1977, FOR
ARRIVAL IN ITALY TO ESTABLISH PAROLE ELIGIBILITY COULD
RESTRICT UTILIZATION OF THE PAROLE PROCESS TO LESS THAN
THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT OF USG INTERESTS, AS HAD BEEN INTENDED.
THE PRUPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION, THEREFORE, IS TO
IDENTIFY THIS PROBLEM AND TO REQUEST THAT THE CUT-OFF
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DATE OF JANUARY 1 FOR ARRIVAL OF THESE REFUGEES IN
ITALY BE EXTENDED TO APRIL 1, OR AT THE EARLIEST MARCH
15, IN ORDER THAT THE PAROLE NUMBERS MADE AVAILABLE
MIGHT BE FULLY UTILIZED TO CLEAR THE BACKLOG OF EX-
USSR REFUGEES IN ITALY TO THE MAXIMUM DEGREE POSSIBLE.

2. THE PROBLEM OF LESS THAN FULL UTILIZATION OF THE

4,000 AUTHORIZED PAROLES IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FACT THAT DURING JANUARY MANY REFUGEES WHO HAD ARRIVED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, AND WHO WOULD THEREFORE HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE FOR THE PAROLE PROGRAM, WERE PROCESSED AND CLEARED FOR ADMISSION INTO THE U.S. UNDER THE CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF NON-PREFERENCE VISAS FOR DEPENDENTS. (ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS PROCEDURE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO THE GRANTING OF THE PAROLE AUTHORITY.) THUS A SIZABLE PART OF THE PAROLE PROGRAM CANNOT, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, BE UTILIZED FOR THE PURPOSE ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED, I.E., CLEARING THE EXISTING HERE INDICATE THAT AS OF 6 FEB., 407 REFUGEES UNDER ITS AUSPICES HAD BEEN APPROVED UNDER THE PAROLE SYSTEM, LEAVING A BALANCE OF SOME 3,600 PAROLE ELIGIBILITIES. OF THESE, 1,031 INDIVIDUAL CASES ARE PENDING WITH INS, AND 450 MORE ARE READY FOR SUBMISSION, FOR A TOTAL OF 1,481 IN THE PIPELINE. DEDUCTING THOSE CLEARED AND IN PROCESS, THERE REMAINS AN UNUSED BALANCE OF PAROLE POSSIBILITIES OF 2,120. ASSUMING A NON-JEWISH CASELOAD OF SOME 300 ARMENIAN AND OTHER ETHNICS, A FINAL APPROXIMATE BALANCE OF 1,800 UNUSED PAROLE ELIGIBILITIES WOULD REMAIN.

3. HIAS ESTIMATES THAT THE INFLUX OF ITS CASELOAD INTO ITALY DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE YEAR WILL BE ON THE ORDER OF SOME 600 PER MONTH. WHILE IT IS ONLY COINCIDENTAL THAT THIS ESTIMATED FLOW RATE FOR THE QUARTER EQUQLS THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF UNUSED ELIGIBILITIES, NONTHELESS IF THE ARRIVAL CUT-OFF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DATE COULD BE EXTENDED TO APRIL 1, THE OTHERWISE UNUSUABLE ELIGIBILITIES COULD BE FULLY EMPLOYED TO CLEAR OUT THE OLD BACKLOG, AND AT LEAST KEEP ABREAST OF NEW ARRIVALS, WITH CONSEQUENT APPRECIABLE SAVINGS IN CARE AND MAINTENANCE COSTS TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THEREAFTER THE PROGRAM WOULD BE MAINTAINED THROUGH USE OF CONDITIONAL ENTRY AND, POSSIBLY, NON-PREFERENCE VISA PROCEDURES.

4. THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SECURING EXTENSION OF THIS ELIGIBILITY DATE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

5. THIS TELEGRAM, ITS POINTS AND REDOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH INS EUROPEAN DIRECTOR FALCHER IN ROME, WHO IS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT.
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